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#### A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year. By JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

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#### THE TASK.

YOU are YOURSELF-that is the solemn fact That can't be changed by any mortal act. 'Twon't help a bit to sit with mournful eyes, And sigh and moan, and wish it otherwise. So buckle down! Make neither woe nor jest of it,

An anti is accused of striking six suffragists with her fist. There would be a convert worth

There are few millionaires, in Sweden, says a recent taxation report. Those Swedish housemaids simply will not stay at home.

Bombs have fallen on Trafalgar Square, but

He doesn't care who licks the United one.

"Daniels Asks Midshipmen to Explain Hazing," is the heading of a news item. It's about what

Nor is it true that performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience" are to be banned on account your nationals away. We do not want them, We of the likelihood of offense being given to a

The new United States battleship California will have among other innovations a clipper bow This, the experts say, will go to make her a dry trols the seas." And the United States will ship. No half measures for the Hon, Josephus,

Count you Bernstorff is reported to have said that if diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States are broken off war will follow. But the burning question of the moment is, "Will Count von Bernstorff follow?"

Mrs. E. H. Harriman, who threatens to sterilize 15,000,000 "unfit" citizens of the United States, preciate. It is quite easy and not at all expensive." is now paying a large salary to a professor for And it is a safe bet that about 90 per cent of all tion carried a certain pathos. It took some courinvestigating heredity in hair-lipped dogs. It seme the Austrians and Hungarians and Germans whose age to endure the situation. one of our bright young men to investigate the futility of many forms of modern research.

The Pennsylvania Railroad, in order to escape prosecution for favoritism has sued a passenger for 34 cents fare. The road's legal officials spent six weeks in collecting the evidence and the passenger is preparing to defend the suit. Apparently there is no limit to the number of ways a railroad can be muleted by legal process.

A South Carolina man has succeeded in problack cotton, sought for ages by spinners and manufacturers, is about to become a reality. Perhaps the next thing we shall hear is that the Palm impressive. Beach suit is grown on bushes ready to wear.

Unless Prof. Taft wants to be President again let him beware of his present activities on the nor's headquarters at the close of the afternoon ture minds and by meeting mature criticisms. Pacific Slope. First thing he knows some one will concert by the band, and with the governor at their nominate him for 1916. He might then be playing head, marching in platoons down the avenue to the role of the late Grover Cleveland, elected the flagstaff. There, while the band plays "The President one time, defeated the next and winning Star Spangled Banner," all uncover in salute as the out on the third try. History is fond of repeating flag is lowered for the night and the gun-fire the same date this year. In a year marked by hard itself in politics as elsewhere.

they are without a clew to three men who mur- away in escort to its depositary. The attendance dered a woman, across the river a New Jersey at the ceremony is usually a large one from the prosecutor asserts that he can place his hands on immediate vicinity and by visitors from Old Point the man who sent poison to an insane woman at Comfort and Fortress Monroe; and the sentiment any time, but that he doesn't intend to do so for of lovalty to the nation inspired by the honors a week. Justice seems to stand but a slim chance paid to its symbol is of a wholesome kind. nowadays on the banks of the Hudson.

ing the belief that no report was really made to Loyal Legion and wearing on his breast the Con the German admiralty anent the sinking of the gressional "medal of honor" and the badge of Arabic for the simple reason that the submarine the Second Army Corps. He served throughout that sank her was subsequently sent to the bot- the civil war, rising from a second lieutenant in tom. To which the German government is un- the Seventh Maine Regiment of infantry to the derstood to reply that as what he is said to have rank of lieutenant colonel on Gen. Hancock's staff, reported is exactly what he would have reported and later was promoted to be brigadier general if he had reported it cannot possibly he of anyt for gallant and distinguished conduct in the field. consequence to the United States.

Contentment is a fine thing when accompanied by enough ambition to keep the blood in circulation .- Toledo Blade.

The principal reason why a man can't drown his sorrows is that they are not located in his concentrated support-financial as well as moralstomach.-Pittsburgh Press.

A full pocketbook comes as near making up for an empty head as anything could .- Memphis the American Bankers' Association at their an-Commercial Appeal.

Some men who couldn't repeat the Ten Com-

#### Broken Promises.

Historians tell us that ancient Carthage never ould have been destroyed-wiped off the face of the earth by the Romans-had the Roman senate been able to trust Punic promises. Treaty after at the outbreak of the third Punic war, on a broken treaty, Cato rose in the Roman senate and denouncing "Punic faith" declared Carthage must be destroyed: "Carthage est delenda." For Punic faith read Prussian faith in modern times and you have an instance of history repeating itself in signal fashion. And it behooves the German writers to look to it not to carry this faith-breaking too far; for in such event every nation's hand, including this nation's, will be raised against them and ermany, as an empire, will cease to exist. It is the belief of very many people of this nation that the time is already at hand when the German Ambassador and his assistants here should be fingering their passports with a view to their surrender.

## The Logic of It.

The question that the Executive had to conunder the directions of representatives of those powers, wage a sort of secondary warfare for the enefit of their respective fatherlands?

Only the central empires have elected to regard the United States in this light. But their activities have been unceasing. First we had to get rid of the Turkish Minister, now it is the Austrian. The activities of Dr. Dernburg compelled us to itself, a desire to strive, to explore, to take in continually and to realise meanings apparently remote.

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There is no rule of international law or comity which requires a neutral country to extend its hospitality to the nationals of warring countries. The have no right to stay here unless the United States more education. so permits. And some would not remain here were not the only alternative a sojourn in a British there is no truth in the rumor that the statue of detention camp. They are to that extent refugees. Nelson has asked to be removed to Plymouth The difference between a German reservist who stays in the United States because the British will catch him if he goes outside the three-mile limit Carranza has ordered strict neutrality along the and a German soldier who steps across the border Rio Grande, according to the El Paso Morning into Holland and is interned is only a technical

The Austrian government has claimed the right, through its Ambassador to control the actions of its nationals, to forbid their following certain occupations. It assumes in particular to direct their the cartoonists do to a Secretary of the Navy, only efforts in a manner which is calculated to disrupt the domestic affairs of the United States.

To such a claim, by whatever nation made, the United States should answer "Very well. Take cannot in times like the present assume the burden of harboring men who recognize any authority but our own."

Then Germany and Austria will say: "We cannot take them away because Great Britain conanswer: "That is no concern of ours. Take them away. If you do not we will treat them as combatants and intern them."

And to the Austrian and German citizens affected by this course of action we would say: "The course for you to take is very simple. If you feel, like the apostle, that it is good to be here just step around the corner and swear allegiance to Uncle Sam whose protection you so much apimmediately sign. Of course this might not make them any the less hyphenated Americans. But it would simplify matters considerably.

## An Inspiring Ceremony.

National Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va., has easy place. recently introduced several reforming features at that institution which might be observed at all similar United States government posts with good leges will systematize the night work, just as they results. Chief among the new observances intro- do the day work, and offer degrees. Then women ducing cotton which ranges in color from white duced by Gen. Smith is the "salute to the flag at and men of any age can secure a college educato deep olive green. The planter is positive that retreat." This ceremony, approximating to the tion. "evening parade" by regular army garrisons of the United States, while simple, is interesting and most but to the colleges and the college professors,

It consists of the officers of the home comnumber, assembling in full uniform at the gover- find themselves stimulated by association with masounds over Hampton Roads. The color guard times and falling incomes an increase of 60,000 While the New York police are admitting that then secures the flag and preceded by the band, a fine one in handsome hussar uniform, marches the high cost of living.—New York World.

Gen. Smith, who was appointed governor of the Hampton Home last May, is a civil war our meats and drinks,-Philadelphia Record. The English papers are unanimous in express- veteran of distinguished record, a member of the He was a former member of the board of managers for the National Soldiers Home.

## The Bankers' Patriotism.

"The bankers of the United States will prove their devotion to their country by a united and of those upon whose shoulders the responsibility of carrying on the war may fall"

Such is the pledge made by the members of nual convention in session last week at Seattle. 'Right or wrong, my country" is the keynote of the patriotism shown by the organized financiers mandments obey them, and some others who know of the United States. It has frequently been said them word for word break them most.-Albany that capital is timid, but the above declaration

but if it does come this most influential body of men are behind the President of the United States. Societies have been formed with "peace-at-anyprice" as their slogan, while other societies have been organized for the avowed purpose of seeing that the country is prepared for any contingency telling her that the boy was too heavy treaty was broken by the Carthagenians till finally that may arise. A strong army and navy is the best insurance a country can have, even a display of force often being sufficient to instill fear in the hearts of malcontents, and for that reason the all rough roads! What would become "peace" people would do well to help along any of humanity were movement that has for its purpose a higher state which sweetens the hardest labor and of preparedness in this country.

The Army League of the United States, a com paratively new organization, with headquarters in Washington, already has members from all classes still be primitive barbarians. By its only by two or three comparatively of society and all sections of the country, whose heights. motto is "strong and well trained land forces, composed of the regular army, the organized militia. a reserve for each and the national volunteers."

#### Education as Preparation.

By JOHN D. BARRY.

What we usually call education is, in the truest sense, merely preparation. If a college education der in demanding the recall of Ambassador becomes an end in itself, ceasing there, it may be, Dumba was a vital one. It may be expressed in not a blessing, but a curse. So often we see men this way: Is the United States a nation or only who, in their educational training, have reached sort of Tom Tiddler's Ground upon which the a certain point and never gone beyond. It would Love nationals of the belligerent powers of Europe can, have been far better if they had been left way behind to scramble for themselves and to learn to hind to scramble for themselves and to learn to which the leaven of the themselves and to learn to which the develop their own forces. The consciousness of the passion for social service, in the United States has been engaged. He reaching a certain point seems to paralyze them, gradual obliteration of class distincto give them a kind of conceit that makes them content to stay where they are.

however, it may become a torment through lack

Whatever may be the cause of the condition, it is, in itself, healthy, and it ought to be met by the great heart opener, the great develop- acme of preparedness. Her soldiers creating of widespread opportunities for more and er. It is what holds society together, know the art of war, her statespane her people with the property of t German and Austrian subjects in the United States creating of widespread opportunities for more and er. It is what holds society together,

> There is far greater need, just now, for educational opportunities for the more mature than for largely from what is called patriotthe immature. Already the immature are well sense, which seeks only its own good, cared for. Nowadays, in most of the large centers its own aggrandizement, at the expense of the United States, any boy or girl who wishes of other countries and peoples, has of the fighting nations of Europe. The to go to college finds his path made for him far easier than it used to be.

Once the so-called higher education was for the well-to-do. It has been steadily growing more

It is inspiring to find how many colleges and universities here in the West, for example, accept students without tuition

These institutions are already well equipped to help the mature students. There is no need of increasing their material facilities. At night, when most of the work for the mature students is likely to be done, there are plenty of lecture halls not

The added cost of extra work in the way of instruction would not be very large. At any rate, what would be expended would be richly made up by the benefit secured.

Once there was a prejudice that kept the more mature and ambitious seekers for knowledge out rest. of the college classrooms. They were afraid of the last resort of those driven to des-being ridiculed. Only occasionally, in the col-leges would a grown man appear and surrounded. When life is full of bitterness colleges there were 38, or 29.2 per cent, of standing on top of Ludget left at the last resort of those driven to des-peration. When everything else has cational colleges. From the two women's is two miles from Shaftesbury avenue, failed, when life is full of bitterness colleges there were 38, or 29.2 per cent, of standing on top of Ludget left at the colleges there were 38, or 29.2 per cent, of standing of the street. The indicates the leges, would a grown man appear and, surrounded and anguish, the thief, the murderer, with youth, would try to make up for what he had the failure, the outcast turns to love the failure of the failure lost in his own youth.

Such incidents of achieving the belated ambi-

I recall distinctly in my own college days a certain alien figure, a man of 50 with a long flowing beard, who was taking the college course. And I opine the angel Gabriel's trump Naturally, in the boys of less than half his age, Thou and the shattered orb will take he found few companions or none. He was an isolated, lonely creature. And yet he was doing a fine thing, achieving results through conditions that had not foreseen him or made for him an To roll a frended eye from Gangs to Zambed. Gen. Joseph Sewall Smith, governor of the that had not foreseen him or made for him an

The time is doubtless coming, too, when col-

There will be gain not only to the students, Gave thee a private taste of how our By securing such students the colleges will ally They bound thee tightly with a captise's chair

themselves more closely with the active workers nissioned and noncommissioned, some sixty in of the community, and the collège professors will

## More Automobiles.

As against 152,000 automobiles on September . 1914, the Secretary of State reports 212,000 on

## Good for the Corn Crop.

There is just one comforting thought with which we may try to solace ourselves during the these untimely September heats, The sun is coaxing along the ripening of the corn Corn is our greatest crop asset. It is the basic foundation foodstuff that underlies nearly all

## Preparedness.

The military preparedness which is demanded in this country, which most of the people are habit of jumping.

determined it shall have, but a small, vociferous "One can see how necessary this is minority condemns, is not fairly to be associated when one considers that insect with the idea of militarism. That implies a buge than one-eighth of an inch in with the idea of militarism. That implies a huge permanent military establishment, strong enough to give a nation's government a military character. The official plans for an increase of our regular army are moderate. They will leave it still the lesser force, in point of numbers, in the nation's as sone forever. My apparatus for jump first line of defense. There is surely no hint of militarism in the proposed development of the National Guard, in the plans for the effective military training of citizens who are not members of the guard, in the establishment of a military reserve. For the development of the navy the plans against the curved walls and gets bruisare necessarily more extensive.-New York Times.

The German reservist who swore he saw tout bruised.
"bright copper" cannon mounted on the Lusitania has pleaded guilty of perjury. Just where does transparent glass and no glass, so that transparent glass and no glass, so that when I take him from the ball he still be beculiar obstruction, and so that leave the Jersey clergyman who, which crossing the Hoboken Ferry, saw a cannon sternly frowning forth from the doomed liner's upper decks?—New York World.

Four-fifths of American postal savings are held by foreign-born citizens. Every one learns to my arm when I want to feed them. They read and write in America, but in Europe there is don't dare to jump on me."—Kansas City shows the right spirit. Not that war is expected, better schooling in thrift,-Detroit Journal

### LOVE'S WAY.

By ORISON SWETT MARDEN

A New York man who recently saw a little girl carrying a crippled boy across a street offered to assist her child quickly, "he's not too heavy; he's

Oh, marvelous power of love that lightens all heavy burdens and smooths makes self-sacrifice a joy? It is the greatest force in the universe. But for unselfish love man could never have reached his present stage. Without its transforming power we aid alone can we attain greater

In spite of the loud cries of pessimists and skeptics to the contrary, ma light is still leading us upward. Alhough the dream of the world's peace. makers has come to naught and Eu-rope is plunged in a merciless war, vet there are multitudes of signs of ing power is at work even on the cruel battlefields. We see it animating the nurses, who, regardless of creed, or country, radical or social differences, are treating all the wounded soldiers as brothers, binding up their wounds and ursing them back to health and life, ove is healing the hurts made by

hate and discord. which the leaven of the Golden Rule the terrible tions, in the growing efforts of amelior-ate the conditions of the poor, in the great wave of reform that is beating

and if children were trained to love the needs of the army and her people humanity, to love all countries and realize that they must be prepared to their inhabitants as they are taught to do their share love their country and countrymen ambitions of their rulers. lour love is big enough to say

world is my country" wars will cease.

A few days ago I was attracted by an advertisement in a morning pa-per which said: "When every other have failed to find relief from all other sources, then come to me. You are the he a quack, but the advertisement would make its appeal, perhaps, to the desperate, the discouraged, who had been given up as incurable by the reg profession, and it set me think-"Why, this is the language of heavy laden and I will give you rest satisfaction or joy in anything else and society has closed its doors on you,

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## TO "DUNK."

Orang Utang or other Quadrumana: No dream of captive chains marred the

mathe it was Barnum dished thy game

And then some statesman took thee in his care. Dubbed they deserving Democrat, or maybe Thon, entertaining greatness unaware, Teted some grateful Senator, his baby, Or in some film by Vitagraph or Kay Ree

Showed as the G. O. P. and made a hit,

Farewell majestic beast! How blest the lot! Parties may come and parties po to tot.

Thou wilt remain to serve a grateful nation animate Caritol, a walking Union Station

## HOW TO TEACH FLEAS.

One of the attractions at a street car nival in Cherryvale last week was a troupe of trained fleas. The "professor" in charge of this exhibit was explaining Stroud about the flea perforn to do any sort of trick is, difficult matter. The first thing

has a jump of three feet, thus 300 times its own length. If a six-foot man had the same leaping power he could make leaps of 1,500 feet, so that when a flea has the advantage of one leap he is good breaking is a round glass ball. I confine him in this for three weeks. I look through this ball, touch it, flash lights into it, talk, do everything to let the flea ed. After a time, and I find three weeks to be ample, the flea gets to know me.

as City A. A. D. Surg. L. C. Minter,

## Army League Wants to Help

Waste of Life if This Country Would Be

Sixty years of opulence, interrupted but possibly because every man there minor disagreements with other na- go to the firing line, and when he goes tions, has caused him to wax fat and shoulder should he be called upon to tion but what we should have a much do so. With his unlimited resources he larger army, for it is the soldier who in has good reason to think he is cock the last analysis has to bear the burden of the walk-but is he?

Athletes must keep in condition.

With this fact in view, and with the hope that the people generally will be hope that the people generally will be latest equipment and expert workmen must be employed. In fact to be successful today the individual must be prepared for any and all contingencies. He must keep up with the times. years has caused many changes, for the world does move

#### Preparation Necessary.

The late Maj. Gen. Emory Upton in a report on the military policy of We see its influence in the miracle the United States gives examples of gives instances where there was great loss of life, tremendous unnecessary expense and many defeats because of

Then, signs as at present portending the forgotten the experiences of France in prophesied second coming of Christ, 1870 when she was ignominously despit lack the fulfillment of the ideal of human feated because she was unprepared. It Love is the great mind opener, the of today because she has reached the

#### Even Switzerland Overrun.

From Switzerland because of its uner territory from being overrun by any "the tion as Switzerland, but just now there or support from the manufacturers of river and harbor bills, since it does ease, is a striking anomaly presented. This army supplies or munitions of war. What not make and does not claim to make and by country has practically all its mobile it seeks, above all things, is a citizen any change whatever in the method per which said; "When every other in protecting the Mexican border. Un-physician has given you up, when you doubtedly there is hardly a nonhyphenated 'American who believes the Gersources, then come to me. You are the man system is necessary in the United sort of person I cure." The man might States, but at the same time does realize the necessity of America being prepared, "By JOHN A. JOHNSTON, President."

#### WOMEN IN MEDICINE.

Divine Love's adwertisement. "Come women studying medicine, or 29 less than unto me all ye that labor and are last year, a decrease of 48 below 1913. When everything else has failed, when you have not found rest, comfort, 1994, when 1,129 women students, the large est number, were reported. The percent when your friends have deserted you, age of all medical students was 4, or when you have made fatal mistakes slightly larger than last year. There were 130 women graduates this year 9 more than last year, or 3.7 per cent of all graduates. Of all the women matricuwhen everybody else rejects you, when everybody else denounces, then come graduates. to me and you shall find peace and lants, 116 (126 per cent) were in attend-rest.

Love is the sovereign remedy. It is women, while the remaining 462 (80.4 per

The number of colleges is the smallest since 1880, at which time began the rapid and when this country had about one-half fourteen, and Belgium, sixteen been 67 colleges, or 41.4 per cent,

The homographic colleges number 8 or 2 imprisonment of seven years settles the less than last year and the eclectic col- score." the largest number of homeopathic col-leges, were in existence. The eclectic ed officers of the army and navy are wise educated citizens are on the leges, were in existence. The eclectic ed officers of the army and navy are colleges show a net reduction of 6, or 60 forced into usclessness by incompetent per cent, since 1901, when there existed politicians. Our great political chief-These figures are taken from the annual educational number of the Journal of the American Medical Association,

## ARMY ORDERS.

First Lieut, Charles P. Hollingsworth, Fourth will proceed to Columbus any. Maj. Elliott J. Dent, Corps of Engineers, is York City, and will proceed to Little Rock, Ark., and report by letter to the Chief of Engineers for assignment to duty.

Capt. Harold C. Fiske, Corps of Engineers, is relieved from duty at Pittsburgh, and will proceed to Vicksburg. Miss., and report by letter to the chief of engineers for assignment to duty.

First Lieut. Frank S. Besson, Corps of Engineers, after artival in the United States, will repair to this city and report to the chief of engineers for assignment to duty.

First Lieut. Albion McD. Coffey, Medical Reserve Corps, will proceed to Fort Sam Houston. Tex., for assignment to temporary duty.

Capt Hanson B. Black, Twenty-fourth Infantry,

## NAVAL ORDERS.

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS. es Moines arrived at Island of Candia, Septem-10; Reid actived at Neuport, September 9; Lam-

ORDERS TO OFFICERS.

# Uncle Sam Tighten His Belt Officer of Rivers and Harbors Congress Makes a Denial

History Shows that Only Preparation Will Avert Greater

My attention has been called to an article in your issue of Monday last, headed "Pork Barrel Politicians Strike" Thrust Into a War.

To tighten or loosen his belt? is the | Switzerland has had peace for a cen With the condition they exist at the present time in differto knock the chip off the other fellow's ent parts of the globe, there is no ques

aroused, the Army League of the United States, with headquarters at the Metro politan Bank Building, was organized Gen. John A. Johnston is president of the league, and the former Presidents, William H. Taft and Theodore Roosevelt, are honorary vice presidents.

#### Pleads for Popular Support.

Its circular, which follows, tells its pur sides. Nor is a large navy to be depended and forces, composed of the regular army gress, the organized militia, a reserve for each.

and the national volunteers. nd the national volunteers.
"Under the direction of the Secretary dead nor asleep. The far war the General Staff and general of Burton, by the threat of a of War the General Staff and general offect, the Army League will support the to and the defeat of all recommendations of the War Depart- for rivers and habors.

"The executive council appeals to every it occurred as it is now patriotic American to support the Army League in its campaign of education. The tion. It is not an organization of army officers, nor does it receive any assistance or support from the manufacture. forces under Maj. Gen. Funston engaged soldiery trained and accustomed to the under which such bills are prepared in protecting the Mexican border. Unuse of arms.' It is an unpartisan organ-ization, believing that all citizens should be vitally interested in providing means

## BOMB INTERRUPTS PLAY.

Cathedral During Zeppelin Raid. New York, Sept. 11.-While the British ensorship has thus far refused to pass eny press reports giving important details of the latest Zeppelin raid on London, a few facts reached New York today n private messages

These brought the information that a bomb was dropped on or near the Globe Theater while a performance was in progress and that a fire broke out near St. Paul's Cathedral,

The Globe Theater is only half a mile from Trafalgar Square on Shaftesl

## Statistics on Murder.

movement toward creating medical col-leges, many of which were conducted for Hanford Henderson tells us on the auprofit. The rapid increase in the number thority of Andrew D. White that, for presentation of facts and arguments of colleges between 1890 and 1994 has been every million inhabitants. Canada has based thereon, showing the benefits patalleled only by the rapid decrease of each year three murders; Germany, un-which have resulted from the 66 colleges since 1996, when there were 162, der five; Great Britain, ten: France, provement of waterways in this and when this country had about one-half fourteen, and Beigium, sifteen. These other countries, and is would be world's supply of medical colleges, records are distressing enough, but they something much more effective that Ninety-two colleges have been closed by fall into insignificance before our own Mr. Burton's amendment or unfavoramerger or otherwise since 1904, but in the record. In the United States of Amerimerger or otherwise since 1905, but in the frecord. In the United States of American be reports on two or three individual many time twenty-five new colleges were ca. Mr. White says, we have 129 murual waterway projects to prevent the organized, leaving % medical colleges ders per million inhabitants every year! continuance of our work.

Which still exist. The net reduction has In one single year over 11,000 men and S. A. THOMPSON. The net reduction has In one single year over 11,000 men and or 41.4 per cent. The nonsectarian (regular) colleges murderer in seventy-five pays the death

nonsectarian colleges show a net reduc-tion of 47, or 36.1 per cent, since 1906, when there were 120, the largest number of sult. Our army and navy struggle for consectarian medical colleges. The appropriations in Congress to increase meopathic colleges show a net decrease their numbers, equipment, and efficiency tains vie with each other for the popproud to fight: "armed citizency is army enough," etc., etc. Grandiloquent enues from othe statements by the Secretary of the Navy think, off hand. army enough," etc. that our navy is superior to any in the to press representatives, have to be made up from other taxwho spread the faisehood broadcast. Our able sources. But we cannot tax Secretary of the Navy knows better or hypocrisy. So the money would have to come from the pockets of others

Appropriations for naval vessels and than the drinkers and the smokers. army requirements are voted down in Sad, but true! American merchant vessels, a necessary part of the navy, on the high seas, is declined; State aid for State troops is negligible; aid for military highways is frowned down. We drift along our easy path, each thinking that those in politpath, each thinking that those in political office will look out for our national needs and the press deceives us as to ever, the condition of world-wide disto the turbed international relations shows available military and naval forces of the first power and class, always ready possibly near at hand .- Henry B. Joy. in Leslie's.

### Germany Solvent Till 1920. No modern state would find difficulty in levying taxes that take for public pur-

oses 15 per cent of the private income of ory has succeeded in taking so much as 30 per cent, and it is very doubtful that even German efficiency could extract a proportion approaching this limit.

Apart from the productive revenues of the imperial government and the states. appropriate share of the public debt-two The inevitable current expenditures, civ and military, will absorb a billion an all due allowance for under this reckoning carry on the war until the autumn of 1920 without becoming ac-

#### THE OPEN FORUM.

Editor of The Washington Heral

Snag." This article is full of er-rors, and I beg the favor of sufficient space to correct a few of them.

The article says "The National Rivers and Harbors Congress, in planning a big river and harbor bill for the next Congress, have encountered an unexpected snag," this being proviso inserted in the last river and harbor bill by Senator Burton, directing the re-examination waterway projects and authorizing the re-examination of other projects at the discretion of the chief of en-

gineers. The article calls this proviso a snag n the way of future "pork barrel" bills states that in consequence of reports already submitted work on the Missouri and Arkansas rivers will be abandoned, and declares that "the fear that the engineers may find lack of merit in the other eight ordered examined has stampeded the

#### Not Its Duty.

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress has never planned rivers and harbors bills, big or little, in the past, is planning none now, and does not expect to plan any hereafter. Under the Constitution of the States and the laws passed in accordthat our national honor and existence depend upon military preparedness. If we and harbors bills rests with the Rivers value our institutions and liberties we and Harbors Committee of the House value our institutions and liberties we and Harbors Committee of the House must prepare to defend them. No one and the Commerce Committee of the will now contend that peace treaties or Senate, and the members of these any form of international agreement are committees have been and will be lef sufficient protection for homes and fire- free to exercise their duties without upon as the sole defense for our country.

We must have strong and well-trained National Rivers and Harbors Condictation, advice, suggestion or inter

The officers of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress The fact that Mr of War the General Staff and general or-ficers of the army are preparing a plan for the formation and maintenance of adequate land forces for the national de-of a highwayman at the head of his fense. Believing that army officers who victim—had compelled the Senate of have made a life study of this question the United States to choose between are the highest authority upon the sub-ject, the Army League will support the to and the defeat of all appropriations

#### Always "Pork Barrels.

The Burton amendment may possicannot constitute a snag in the way of future river and harbor bills, since it does ton was chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee was the same that is followed now, and the bills pared under his chairmanship were

they are now The writer of the article was evider which waterway projects are handled. It will take something more engineers to compel the stoppage of work on the Missouri and Arkansas review by the board of engineers for rivers and harbors and by the cries or disapprove, and the final decision rests with the Congress of the United

#### Work Will Go On. The officers of the organization are

under many obligations to you for in-forming them that the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has been stam peded, since otherwise the matter would never have come to their notice The National Rivers and Harbors Congress is composed of people who believe that the improvement and utilization of our rivers and harbors deavor to build up an intelligent pubother countries, and it would take ble reports on two or three individ-

Secretary National Rivers and Harbors

#### Congress. A Question of Revenue.

Editor of The Washington Herald: Thanks for your editorial on Senator Martin and others. Thinking men trust it will be extensively copied. More of the same order, please, Give us one on the analysis of the income tax by States—the prohibition States—and contrast will be interesting. It question of government revenues If taxes are removed from one commodity or thing, as alcohol and tobacco-the targets of the reformers -what would be the total of revenues from other sources? Small, I The deficiency would, of course,

## Morning Smiles.

"That policeman is too conscientious to e a gardener." "What do you mean?" be a gardener." "What do you mean?"
"He arrested the growth of a vine on his a window."-Kansas City Journal.

"Ferdy had one great disappointment while in Greece." "What was that?" "He couldn't find anybody that belonged to a "What happened to Jiggs' promising

He reached a stage where he him. He reached a stage where he couldn't get past the first few bars."-

The Village Grocer (peevishly)-Look here. Aaron: What makes you put the tig apples on the top of the bar'l? The Honest Farmer (cheerlly)-What makes you comb that long scalp-lock Miss Wheat the new teacher was

one of the scholars, she asked: "James, Washington's Farewell Adpromptitude that promised well for his "Heaven, ma'am," he said,-

He-A maid must not expect such lovers as she finds in books. Few men are paragons.

She-Oh! I should not expect a para-

ild selfish.-Dayton Herald. were giving definitions of "optimist" and

simist says. Is there any The English language is spoken by just in that pitcher?" whereas an optim